

Music

Audio Production

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 9-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
None

Audio Production is a fine arts-science course that will familiarize students with the principles and practices used in recording and manipulating sound. The goal of this hands-on course is to provide students with the concepts and technology needed to effectively document audio events such as concerts and recitals with a high degree of quality. A variety of technology including laptop computers, analog and digital devices will be used to record, edit, and produce projects throughout the semester. Class projects will include the recording of rehearsals, recitals, and concerts toward the purpose of enhancing production skills and sharing the progress of performing groups with students, parents, and administrators. This course meets two days per cycle.

Concert Band

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 9-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
Experience with Middle School
Bands or equivalent. Previous class
or private instruction.

Concert Band is a performance course available for percussionists, brass, and woodwind players. This class explores concepts in musicianship, ear-training, theory, music literacy, musical terminology, and music history as well as teaching leadership qualities. Students in Concert Band will rehearse and perform quality wind band literature throughout the year. The opportunity to participate in Central District and All State music festivals is available. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation.

Concert Choir

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 10 -12, 9 Boys
A Level
Prerequisite:
None

The student need only show a desire to sing to become a member of the Concert Choir. Auditions are held for voice placement. All are accepted. Vocal techniques are developed, which include breath control, diction, posture, and intonation. Literature includes pop and show tunes, folk songs, spirituals, and classical selections. The organization performs for school and community events throughout the year, as well as presenting an annual spring musical theater production. The opportunity to participate in Central District and All-State Music Festivals is available. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation. This course may be taken for one semester with permission of the director.

Honors A Capella Choir

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 10-12
Honors
Prerequisite:
Audition

Students are selected for participation by audition to insure a well-balanced ensemble. The music is of an advanced level allowing for solo work and unaccompanied singing. Students encounter music of many styles from early as well as modern composers. This group performs for numerous community events throughout the school year, in addition to scheduled concerts. Students are encouraged to participate in Central District and All-State music festivals. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation.

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Honors Wind Ensemble

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 10-12
Honors
Prerequisite:
Selection by audition

Honors Wind Ensemble is designed to develop a student's highest musical potential through performing advanced quality literature in the wind band repertoire. Students are selected by audition for participation to insure a well-balanced ensemble. Auditions are held the previous spring. Advanced concepts in ear-training, theory, music literacy, musical terminology and music history will be explored. Students are encouraged to participate in Central District and All State music festivals. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation. This course meets four days per cycle.

Jazz Band

Elective Full Year
Grade(s) 9-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
Permission of instructor

Students participating in Jazz Band will play the music of studio, dance, jazz and rock bands. Pop-ballads, Latin, jazz, and rock concert arrangements are rehearsed and performed. Activities include reading from sheet music, analyzing melodic lines, jazz rhythms and chord progressions, and improvisation. This is a course intended primarily for band members. Any interested guitar, bass and keyboard players must audition for the instructor prior to acceptance. All rhythm, (including percussion), are limited to two per instrument. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation. This course meets two days per cycle.

Movement for Theater

Elective Semester
Grade(s) 9-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
None

Movement for Theater is a course designed to familiarize students with various theatrical dance styles. A history of Broadway theater movement will be studied and students will experience the execution and design of choreography. No prior experience is required. Skills will be taught from warm-ups to mini-combinations. Opportunities for studying guest artists will be presented, (live or video clip).

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Elective Semester
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A Level
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Orchestra

Elective
Grade(s)9-12
Honors or A Level
Prerequisite:
Experience with Middle School Orchestra or equivalent. Previous class or private instruction.

Full Year

Orchestra is a performance based class for string players and a selected pianist. Students rehearse, study, and perform music for string ensemble and full orchestra. Music of each historical period is explored. Several performances are given throughout the year. Basic instruction for string playing techniques and styles is provided. Opportunity to participate in Central District and All State Music Festivals is encouraged as well as independent work in small ensembles. Students are also given the option to experience this course for honors credit through a written contract agreement with the instructor. Performances are an important component of this course and students are required to participate as part of their commitment to this group and part of their evaluation

Stagecraft

Elective
Grade(s)9-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
None

Semester

Stagecraft will explore the design process of theater for set, lights and costumes. Tool instruction and safety procedures will be covered as students learn how to design and construct set models. Students will also learn how to build and enhance basic platforms and theatrical flats as well as how to effectively paint a backdrop. Appropriate costume design and construction will be explored, as well as operation and plot design for the light board. Opportunities for backstage tour and discussion will be included.

Techniques of Music Theory

Elective
Grade(s)10-12
A Level
Prerequisite:
Permission of instructor

Full Year

Techniques of Music Theory is designed to develop and improve skills of rhythmic and melodic sight-reading, ear training, and solfege, (sight singing). Additionally, this course will introduce the tools and vocabulary necessary for composing and analyzing music, and students will be taught basic piano skills. This is a valuable course for any student who wishes to continue studying music after high school. Enhanced musical skills also contribute toward audition success. Much individual attention is given. Students should have an appropriate background in music for participation. This course meets four days per cycle.

Theater Arts

Elective
Grade(s)10-12
Honors or A Level
Prerequisite:
None

Semester

Theatre Arts is a one semester elective that is activity-based. Participants will learn basic performance skills incrementally, beginning with exercises in stage movement and improvisation. Although the exercise format continues through the semester, the focus shifts toward more formal acting skills. Character development and motivation are explored and all activities create the foundation upon which students draw to perform a memorized scene and monologue by the end of the semester. Honors requirements will be given in writing to the students at the beginning of the year.